

ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the full Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th February 2026

Present: Councillors Sharon Worsnop (Vice-chair), Mike Morris, Sandra Hinds Angela Rhodes, Stephen Ellis and Jack Brereton-Thomas.

Min 99 - Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Jones (Chairman) and Cllr Paul Williams.

Min 100 – Declarations of Interest: *The Chair will remind all Members of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda, either at the beginning of the meeting or when the relevant item arises*

There were no declarations of interest.

Min 101 – Public Participation: *The Council should adjourn for 5 minutes to allow members of the public to ask questions or make statements (NB Councillors should not enter discussion with the public at this time as to do so would be contrary to the advice of the Welsh Government.)*

Min 102 – Minutes: The draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th January 2026 were considered and approved as a true and accurate record.

Min 103 – Matters Arising:

1. **Buckingham Palace garden party** – an opportunity to nominate individual to attend. The Clerk confirmed that former Cllr Dennis Edwards had nominated Rachel Bellis in recognition of her work with the Church and local community and the nomination had been submitted.

Min 104 – Crime Report: The January crime report circulated by PCSO Emma Maddocks was received and noted with no matters raised.

Min 105 –

a) Finance Report

The financial report for the January/February period was received and accepted. It was RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment:

Accounts for Payment	Chq No	Amount
Neil Archer (pat testing VH)	Bacs	£66.00
Hafren Dyfrdwy (VH water bill)	Bacs	£275.05
Mike Gell Plumbing (repairs VH)	Bacs	£295.00

AVOW (Jan staff payroll)	Bacs	£629.15
British Telecom (Jan broadband)	DD	£39.54
Viking (stationery)	Bacs	£82.24
WCBC (qtr lighting SLA)	Bacs	£417.91
K Benfield (2x hand towel dispensers)	Bacs	£35.60
HSBC (bank charge)	Bacs	£2.80
TOTAL:		£1,843.29

Income (Jan/Feb)

HSBC interest 31/01/26	£2.83
Hall hire:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L Williams party 	£40
Total:	£42.83

b) Grants Budget 2025/26

The Clerk confirmed that the grants budget for 25/26 was £300. 6 grant applications had been received and were considered. **It was RESOLVED to award the following grants under the power of section 137 LGA 1972:**

Wales Air Ambulance	£100
Nightingale House Hospice	£100
Isycoed Community Hub	£100

c) Internal Auditor

It was RESOLVED to re-appoint JD Henry of Mold as the Internal Auditors for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 accounts.

Min 106 – Village Hall

Members were updated on hall bookings.

A review of current hire charges took place. It was AGREED for hire charges to remain the same for 2026/27. It was AGREED to charge the bowling club £10 a month for the use of the storage room for their equipment - £120 annually.

The Chairman Cllr Peter Jones had met with the Clerk and the Caretaker to undertake the 2026 Hall risk assessment and the Caretakers annual review. Additional matters arising from the 2026 review included:

- Enquiries needed into cost of a replacement floor polisher
- Signage required for store room in relation to safe stacking of the tables
- PAT testing to be renewed
- Signage needed for car park (vehicles parked at own risk)
- Stop required for gates to stop them blowing back and to in windy weather potentially damaging vehicles.

PPL Music Licence – it had been confirmed that a music licence is not required for social occasions at the village hall.

A report on plumbing work undertaken at the hall was received and considered.

The Clerk had purchased the new hand towel dispensers.

The Clerk reported that an enquiry for hall hire had been received for dog training classes. The Clerk was asked to consult with the caretaker. Providing there were no objections it was AGREED to trial the classes for 1 month, with the proviso that thorough cleaning of the hall floor takes place after each class by the hirer and there is no access to the kitchen area for dogs.

Min 107 – Planning Applications

The following planning applications were received:

P/2025/0638 - ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, R AND R ENGINEERING WORKSHOP, OAK ROAD, WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WREXHAM, LL13 9RG

RESOLVED - No objection with a request that the replacement building is painted green.

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P/2026/0006 - UNIT 1, REDWITHER COMPLEX, FIRST AVENUE, WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WREXHAM, LL13 9XP, CHANGE OF USE FROM CLASS B8 (STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION) TO SUI GENERIS (WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY)

RESOLVED - No objection

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P/2026/0027 - 2 RIDLEY WOOD COURT, RIDLEY WOOD, WREXHAM, LL13 9UW, INSTALLATION OF NEW WINDOWS TO KITCHEN

RESOLVED - No objection subject to the use of similar materials

Min 108 – Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

WCBC - Information on St David's Day Celebrations 2026 - Wrexham

*'I write on behalf of Wrexham County Borough Council and Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam to invite you to join The Mayor of Wrexham, Cllr. Tina Mannering to take part in the St David's Day celebration parade to be held on **Sunday 1st March 2026***

*The parade will assemble on the paths of Llwyn Isaf outside the Guildhall at **12:45pm** and we will begin the parade along the streets of Wrexham at 1:00pm under the leadership of Band Cambria. We will return to Llwyn Isaf by 1:30pm to sing Calon Lân and the National Anthem together, I expect the celebrations to conclude by approx. 1:45pm. If you have a flag or standard you are very welcome to use that to identify your presence in the parade. '*

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WCBC Electoral Office – confirmation of use of hall as a polling station :

The Senedd elections will be held on Thursday 7 May 2026 and the local council elections will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027.

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WCBC – Paul Rogers Street lighting:

'Please find attached a copy of the Community Council Footway Lighting – Service Level Maintenance Agreement for 2026-27.

If your council still wish to continue having your community council footway lighting maintained by Wrexham County Borough Council's street lighting section then please sign the attached agreement and return to me at your earliest convenience.'

It was RESOLVED to renew the Street Lighting SLA.

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National Forest for Wales - *My name is Shane Hughes and I'm the National Forest for Wales Liaison Officer for North-East Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire, and Wrexham) with Natural Resources Wales. I am writing to introduce myself and my role, which is focussed on working in partnership with groups, landowners, businesses, and communities to manage, restore, and expand our woodlands as part of the National Forest for Wales.*

*In light of the above I was wondering if there any woodlands owned or managed by **Isycoed Community Council** that could be included within the **National Forest for Wales** and join the expanding network of woodlands across Wales becoming part of the National Forest. Essentially the National Forest for Wales is a network of woodlands, stretching across Wales allowing everyone to access and connect with our woodland and trees. The aim of the National Forest is to create new areas of wood whilst restoring and maintaining our existing woodlands, protect nature and address biodiversity loss, support our health and well-being, and provide spaces for leisure and nature. Woodlands can be as small as a tennis court and still apply for National Forest status.*

My role involves helping with National Forest applications (and funding applications for any woodland planting and management training). The award is totally voluntary, no cost to join, signage and interpretation boards are also free, and sites can leave the [National Forest for Wales | GOV.WALES](#) at any time with no notice required. Please find attached some guidance

OVW - Age Friendly Communities Newsletter (circulated to organisers of the Hub)

Min 109 – Pride in Place Impact Fund - the ‘Pride in Place Impact Fund’ received by WCBC, is to be distributed equally to all 34 Community Councils in Wrexham over 2 financial years. The total grant awarded will be £22,085.82 to each council for 2 consecutive years. The grant is for upgrading community and public spaces. An information pack will shortly be received from WCBC explaining in detail how to apply for the funding and the conditions to be met. A discussion took place at the meeting and the following works were discussed provisionally:

Community – 2 x new noticeboards (outside the school and church), benches at locations to be agreed in the community and creation of a garden area on land behind the village hall.

Village Hall – repairs to the drainage system, installation of an alarm system, refurbishment of the bar area, Hive system for the heating, disabled parking bays for car park, improvements to access to field.

No final decisions have yet been taken as to how the grant monies will be spent.

Isycoed residents are invited to submit any further suggestions to the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting on 17th March 2026.

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Min 110 – Code of Conduct amendments:

It was RESOLVED to adopt by resolution the amended Code of Conduct as circulated previously to members of the Community Council.

Min 112 – Summer Country Fair

Cllr Sandra Hinds updated members on proposals for the Isycoed Summer Country Fair to be held on Saturday 1st August at the Village Hall Field. The event is to be a celebration of the rural countryside. It will feature various farm animals in pens and also tractors and various farm equipment through the ages. The organisers are looking for vintage and modern tractors and equipment for display.

It is also proposed to hold a gun dog display and archery display.

There will be various food and drink stalls as well as other craft stalls.

Anyone interested in attending the event with a stall please contact the organiser Cllr Sandra Hinds by email: sandrahinds68@yahoo.co.uk

All proceeds from the event will go towards the local Isycoed Church and the Isycoed Community Hub held every Thursday at the village hall.

Min 113 – Members reports

Broken streetlight on Sun Lane – the Clerk to report to WCBC

Small sink hole on the grass verge near to Old Lower Hall – the Clerk to report to WCBC

Min 114 – Date of Next meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday the 17th March 2026 at 7pm at the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed.....Cllr Peter Jones (Chair)

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